

2019

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

by President Cyril Ramaphosa



This year, we will migrate responsibility for ECD centres from Social Development to Basic Education, and proceed with the process towards two years of **compulsory ECD for all children** before they enter grade 1.

In his 2019 State of the Nation Address, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the introduction of a second year of early childhood development for all children before they enter grade 1, and the migration of responsibility for ECD centres from the Department of Social Development to the Department of Basic Education. This is a significant step in the progress of education for young children in our country and, if implemented correctly, will be an important step in achieving the vision of the National Development Plan 2030. However, without clear implementation plans and concrete actions this announcement will not deliver any benefits to the country or its youngest citizens.

The President tells us that now is the time to invest in the early education of South Africa's children.

The Centre for Early Childhood Development is a non-profit organisation, committed to putting young children first by ensuring quality early childhood development for our country's youngest citizens. We provide training, resources and support in ECD by enhancing individual and organisation capacity; providing our programmes country-wide. In this way, we enhance the impact of early childhood development provision for all South Africa's children.

The Centre for Early Childhood Development offers a number of ECD programmes designed to meet the needs of young children across South Africa:

- ECD teacher training
- Management training for principals and governing bodies
- ECD leadership and management training for non-profit organisations
- Leadership training for young emerging leaders in the children's sector

- ECD infrastructure upgrades
- On-site support for principals, teachers and governing bodies
- Assistance with registration and accessing the government ECD subsidy
- The provision of education equipment
- Family outreach work
- Parent education

In addition, we run the Cape Town Museum of Childhood.

The Centre for Early Childhood Development has full accreditation as an early childhood development training provider from the ETDP-SETA. We are registered as a non-profit company (NPC) under the Companies Act and with the Department of Social Development as a non-profit organisation. CECD is registered as a public benefit organisation (PBO number 930001898) with SARS. We have Section 18A status and grants and donations made to us are tax deductible for the donor in terms of section 18A(1)(a) of the Income Tax Act.

If you want to build early childhood development, and be part of this exciting phase in education in South Africa, you can contact the Centre for Early Childhood Development. Our details are below.

Regards,



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